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[Despatch Abstract.]

Homeopathic Dispensaries - Qualification of Homeopathic - Opening by local bodies - Papers recorded.

Joint Secretary, Public Health.

"The local bodies seem to have been permitted to open Homeopathic dispensaries. When was this done and what qualifications have been laid down for the Homeopathic practitioners to be employed in such dispensaries? No Homeophathic school or college for training students has been recognised by Government in this Province and no provision made for registering Homeopathic practitioners. Some correspondence courses and diplomas for those who answer questions sent to them seem to be given. Have Government ever thought of putting a ban on this system of training medical practitioners and of controlling by means of licences the manufacture of Homeopathic medicines?"

(Sd) A.B. Shetty, 11/12.
Hon'ble Minister (Public Health).

EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Sub:- Homeopathic Dispensaries - Opening by local bodies - Information.

Please see the note of Hon'ble Minister (Public Health) on page 1 ante. Certain local bodies have been and are still maintaining homeopathic regular dispensaries from their own funds. In G.O. No. 631, Public Health, dated 10.3.1937 and No. 2372, Public Health, dated 8.8.46 the district boards of East Godavari and West Godavari were allowed to open regular homeopathic dispensaries at Kotipalli and Theegalvancha, Narasapuram, out of their own funds. The District Boards of Ramnad and Kistna also have been allowed to open such dispensaries at Paganeri and Edulgudem. In G.O. No. 1796, Public Health, dated 17.6.1946, the Government have allowed the employment of a Homeopathic practitioner in one of the dispensaries in the Bellary District.

In April 1934 the Surgeon-General stated that he had no knowledge of the Homeopathic system of medicine and was therefore unable to exercise any supervision over homeopathic institutions. It was therefore decided in consultation with the Principal, School of Indian Medicine, that local bodies should consult the Principal, School of Indian Medicine before any appointments of homeopathic medical officers are made by them. As regards the qualifications of such medical officers, it is submitted that no specific qualifications have been prescribed for them. In this connection the remarks of the Principal, School of Indian Medicine in his letter No. 893-1-ND.36 dated 13.10.1936 may be perused at pages 17-18 c.f. of G.O. No. 1796, Public Health, dated 17.6.46 at flag (X). Hence while appointing Homeopathic Practitioners, the applications were considered on their own merits. In the above Government order the President, District Board, Bellary was informed that only Homeopathic possessing/~~only~~ less than ten years' experience and who are able to produce satisfactory evidence in regard to their qualifications and experience should be appointed as medical officers in Homeopathic dispensaries.

Government have not so far recognised the Homeopathic system of medicine. There are some schools and and colleges of Homeopathy run by private persons and Government have not thought so far of putting a ban on the system of correspondence courses and diplomas for those who answer questions

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sent to them, etc and of controlling by means of licences the manufacture of Homeopathic medicines.

The general question of recognition of the system of Homeopathy is now under the active consideration of Government. The file on the subject has been sent to Local Administration and Finance U.O. On 26.11.47. As all the above points have been raised in that file no separate action seems necessary on this. The file may be circulated to H.M. (Public Health) for perusal.)A

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With reference to Joint Secretary's query at (A) above, it submitted that the question of the control of Homeopathic medicines under the Drug Rules, is engaging the attention of the Government of India. The views of this Government on the recommendations of the Sub Committee appointed by the Drugs Technical Advisory Board have been communicated to the Government of India - vide pages 3-5 n.f. in G.O. No. 55, dated 7.1.1947.

For the latter part of the query, attention is also invited to 'A' at (S).

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"'A' on p. 4 ante may be accepted".

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H.M. (P.H.) (Sd) A.B. Shetty,
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The papers may now be recorded.

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